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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the U.S. patents. Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Office Action, dated February 8, 2010, in support of the Statement being filed herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant offers the following comments:

Applicant requests that the Examiner to note that Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-323653 corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,714,280, Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-287023 corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,912,094, Japanese Patent Publication

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No. 2002-244036 corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,788,387 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-6957 corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,008,884.

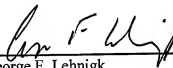
Applicant will have an English translation of the enclosed Japanese Office Action prepared, should the Examiner require and request such translation.

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of English language Abstracts of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 10-303114, 2000-231058 and 2004-335746.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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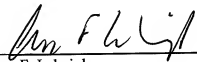
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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